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Amele language

Amele (Amele: *Sona*) is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea. Dialects are Huar, Jagahala and Haija.

Amele is notable for having 32 possessive classes.[3]

Amele	
Sona	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Madang Province
Native speakers	(5,300 cited 1987)[1]
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ▪ Madang ▪ Croisilles linkage ▪ Mabuso? ▪ Gum ▪ **Amele**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`aey`
Glottolog	`amel1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/amel1241)`[2]

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Phonology

Amele has only 5 vowels: /i, ɛ, æ, u, ɔ/.[4]

Consonants

		Bilabial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stop	voiceless			t		k	ʔ
	voiced	b		d		g	
Fricative			f	s	ʝ		h
Nasal		m		n			
Approximant				l			

Grammar

Amele has seven tense-aspect categories, including four past tenses:[5]

- past habitual
- remote past
- yesterday's past

- today's past
- plus present
- future
- relative future

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External links

- Alphabet and pronunciation (http://www.omniglot.com/writing/amele.htm)

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